

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 167

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to recognize Alexandra Christopoulos as a recipient of the 2014 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize those estimable citizens of this State, both young and old, who consistently demonstrate a personal commitment to improve the lives and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, Alexandra Christopoulos, a resident of Knoxville and a student at Hardin Valley Academy, has achieved national recognition for her exemplary volunteer service, garnering a 2014 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Christopoulos earned this distinction by giving generously of her time and energy to the establishment of "Project Beansprout" in 2010 to raise awareness about the dangers of taking drugs during pregnancy and to encourage legislators to fund education programs about the problem; and

WHEREAS, in the course of this project, Ms. Christopoulos has volunteered with the East Tennessee Children's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, has worked with her volunteers to make and deliver homemade blankets and sheets to newborns undergoing drug withdrawal, and has created educational materials about the problem for middle and high schools in her community; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Ms. Alexandra Christopoulos who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting that this legislative body give recognition to and express gratitude for the vitality, altruism, and tremendous determination of young Tennesseans such as Ms. Christopoulos, who truly are shining stars on the horizon of our State's future; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby congratulate 2014 Prudential Spirit of Community Award recipient, Alexandra Christopoulos, recognize her outstanding volunteerism in her community, and wish her every success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.